



OLA NEWS



11 December 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

<u>Stars of the Week!</u>	
Reception	Michael L
Year 1	Beau
Year 2	Kimberly
Year 3	Fergus
Year 4	Eva
Year 5	Kendra
Year 6	Ellie Mae



<u>Attendance</u>	
Reception	95%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	88.2%
Year 4	90.1%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	90.8%

Advent

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Hope is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of hope when we turn to him in faith.

*Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us through Jesus.
Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him.
Guide us in all that we say and do.
We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem,
Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*



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This Week's Highlights

Reception

This week we have continued learning about Advent and have celebrated special prayer times together. We have also been learning about the Christmas story. In our maths lessons we have been learning how to find one less than a number. We enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day and watching the pantomime.

Year 1

I am so proud of how well Year 1 have prepared and performed their songs for the KS1 Nativity! They have loved singing and learning the actions. In English, Year 1 read The Enormous Turnip and then created their own Christmas versions of the story. They have also been working hard in maths, learning how to add numbers to 20.

Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy with their nativity this week! They were great and we can't wait to share it with you! In maths, we've been busy learning all about multiplication.

Year 3

Year 3 have been using art and the bible to learn about the Visitation in Advent RE producing great artwork using pastels. We will also be writing a persuasive letter trying to encourage people to think more about the environment and we need to protect it.

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about mosaics and have created their own beautiful mosaic pictures. They have also written some amazing Christmas poems using similes and metaphors.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 in RE we have been learning about John the Baptist and how his message helps us prepare during Advent. In topic we have designed and made our own Viking longships! We had great fun and can't wait to test them!

Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard finding percentages of amounts this week. They have been excellent at using bar model to show their understanding. In Science, they used their knowledge of circuits to try and make working traffic lights.

Mrs McKay

Mrs McKay is taking early retirement and sadly leaving us at Christmas, Mrs McKay has been a valued part of the school for 13 years and we will be very sad to see her leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a very happy retirement. The new Business Manager, Ms Boothby will start on 4 January 2021.

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Live Call from Santa

Early Years and KS1 received a live call from Santa this week. They were all very excited to see him, he told the children he had received their letters and a few children were able to ask him questions.

Cool Critters

Year 1 and 2 had an amazing afternoon with Cool Critters! We saw and learnt about many reptiles and their features which helped them to survive. Some of us were lucky enough to even touch some creatures like a snake, a tree-frog, a chameleon, tortoise and many more! We all made a wonderful memory!



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Design a Christmas Jumper Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful entries for our Design a Christmas Jumper Competition. We were so impressed with all the original ideas and colourful designs. These are the winning entries:

Early Years

Winner: Connor (YR)

Runners-up: Lydia (YN) and Louisa (YR)



Key Stage One

Winner: Aibhlinn (Y1)

Runners-up: Lena (Y1) and Lucas (Y2)

Key Stage Two

Winner: Harley (Y3)

Runners-up: Sethuki (Y3), Keira-Leigh (Y4), Abigail (Y5) and Kaydon (Y6)



Food Bank



Thank you all for your generous donations for the foodbank and thank you to our Mini Vinnies for organising the collection of food, it will be passed to the foodbank next week.

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Church Carpark

Father Sebastian has been in touch with school regarding use of the Church carpark for dropping-off and picking-up children. He would like to thank the majority of parents who have worked with the Church and school to make sure that the carpark is a safe place for our children and who have respected the needs of the Priests when parking. Please try to drop-off and pick-up at the right time for your child to reduce the volume of traffic and avoid the need for cars to park for longer than necessary. Father has also asked that you move to the carpark nearest the gates when waiting rather than congregating on the Church carpark.

From the school's point of view, we are very grateful to Father Sebastian for allowing our parents and carers to use the Church carpark as I know this makes dropping-off and picking-up easier for you. You may have noticed that Mac, who works for the parish, has been monitoring the carpark. If Mac does speak to you about parking, please do not take offence as he is only doing so in order to make the carpark safe for pedestrians and drivers. If Father feels that parents and carers are not parking safely, or that individuals are not supportive of Mac when approached about parking, he may decide to close the carpark except for parish business.

Altar Servers

Would your child like to train to become an altar server? If so, and they have made their First Holy Communion, please let their teacher know that you are happy for us to pass on their name to the Parish Secretary. Father Sebastian is inviting all interested children to attend the 4.30pm mass on Boxing Day at OLA where he will welcome any new children. In the spring, your child will then begin training to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our pupils to become more involved in the parish and to grow in their faith.

Extra Clothing

In order to reduce the transmission of the virus, we are making sure that all our classrooms are well ventilated. You may wish to send your child in with an extra layer of clothing to keep them warm during the colder weather. This could be a fleecy top or jumper, sports skins or even an extra pair of socks! If you find that providing extra clothing is difficult for you, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

Reception – September 2021

The closing date for making an application for a Reception place in September 2021 is **15 January 2021**. Applications can be made via the Parent Portal on the Coventry City Council website.

https://emsonline.lea.coventry.sch.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume after Christmas.

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Daily Mile

Congratulations to Year 6 who are this week's Daily Mile Champions with 114597 steps completed as a class. **Well done Year 6!**

Christmas Lunch



KS1 will be having their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 15 December, KS2 will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16 December.

For those children bringing their own packed lunch they may also bring a child friendly Christmas Cracker.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your donations for Save the Children.

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Christmas Advent Calendar



Family Learning Courses

Please follow the links below for the Coventry Adult Education Family Learning courses that are happening in Spring 2021. These sessions are being delivered to parents face to face at Southfields Old School, or online, using MS Teams.

[Stay and Play Online](#) – suitable for nursery aged children and their parents / carers.



[New Stay and Play Online Spring 2021 Family Learning.pdf](#)

[Positive Family Foundations](#) - a parenting course based on the principles of Triple P, Thrive and Families Connect from Save the Children.



[New Positive Family Foundations Spring 2021 Family Learning.pdf](#)

[Maths in Primary School](#) – these sessions will enable parents to help their children with learning at home.



[New Maths in the Primary School Spring 2021 Family Learning \(2\).pdf](#)

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English in Primary School – these sessions will enable parents to help their children with learning at home.



New English in the Primary School Spring 2021 Family Learning (1) (00000002).pdf

Remote Learning

If your child has to stay at home for reasons related to coronavirus, we will do everything we can to ensure access to quality teaching resources. We have put a number of things in place, depending on the reason why your child is not able to come into school.

The expectation is that your child will engage with the remote learning that is set for them. Please follow the link below with further details.

<https://ourlady.coventry.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning-Plan.pdf>

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the main way in which teachers communicate to parents on a day-to-day basis. It is a quick and easy way for parents to ask questions and get a quick response. Also, teachers can let you know how your child is getting on and share their work with you. If you have not already signed up, please do so. This will avoid you missing important updates that are just for your child. If you have already signed up, please make sure your notifications are turned on. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all our School Lottery supporters! We are now 19 tickets away from our 50 ticket goal **REMEMBER** once we reach our 50 ticket goal we will achieve our target of raising **£1,040** per year! Currently we are projected to raise £686.

HELP! spread the word! Once ticket sales increase the guaranteed jackpot will also increase PLUS with the school closing earlier this year and the cancellation of all our usual fundraising events this is our only way of raising much needed funds for the PTA and ultimately for the pupils of OLA! During this challenging time we hope that you can continue to help us raise funds.

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School Lottery

Next draw date: 12 December 2020

£25,000.00 JACKPOT and £9.30 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter – remember this will increase if we get more supporters!

Big congratulations to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £10.20 and very generously donated it back to us!



WIN A Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle

This term there is an additional HUGE prize. Support our school lottery before 19th December 2020 and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a *mahoosive* **Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle** containing:



- Nintendo Switch Console Neon
- Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK
- Nintendo Switch case and accessories
- Mario and Luigi hats
- Minecraft and Lego Marvel Heroes 2 games

Good Luck! Terms and conditions apply

Future Fundraising

This year is very different in many ways, not least of all fundraising opportunities for small schools such as OLA, if you have any suggestions/ideas please feel free to contact the PTA/school (details below) to discuss! Remember as parents/grandparents of the pupils we are all part of the PTA.

PTA Facebook Group

This is a friendly group, please feel free to join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA/> you will be asked your child's

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name and year group to confirm you are eligible for membership, please answer these so that approval can be granted to the group.

Contacting the PTA; via Facebook, email – pta@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk

Lunch Orders

Please continue to complete your child's lunch order weekly via our texting system T2P. The text messages will be sent **every Tuesday**; please ensure you respond with your child's lunch choice for the following week. The school orders food based on your selections and therefore if you do not respond it will mean we will contact you requesting you to provide a packed lunch for your child.

If you select the 'packed lunch' option, it means **YOU** are providing the packed lunch as we do not provide them at school. If you order a school lunch and then send your child in with a packed lunch you will be charged for the school meal.

Drop-off and Pick-up times

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Reception	8.40am	3pm
Year 1 & Year 2	8.55am	3pm
Year 3 & Year 4	9.05am	3.10pm
Year 5 & Year 6	9.15am	3.20pm

Siblings will continue to be dropped off and picked up at your earliest slot.

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased through Eduspot, once the order has been received by the office the uniform will be sent home with your child.

Nursery

We still have places available in Nursery. If you have any friends or family who have children that are eligible to join Nursery now or who will turn three this year, please encourage them to contact the school.

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Music Appreciation

CHRISTMAS HITS

w/c 14 December

Merry Christmas Everybody – Slade

Do They Know It's Christmas? – Band Aid

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday - Wizzard



Mass Times

Saturday: 4.30pm at OLA; 6pm at SJV

Sunday: 9.30am at SJV; 11am at OLA

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Coventry Rocks



Hi there, I hope you're well and feeling Christmas-ready!

As we approach the end of a busy term, I wanted to reach out to support local families in finding things to do with their kids over the Christmas holidays. Let me remind you who I am - my name is Jess and I'm the owner of [Coventry Rocks](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk) - a great local website made especially for families in Coventry and the surrounding areas, to find things to do. You can check us out at www.coventryrocks.co.uk

We are here to support your pupils and parents, by providing them with a wide range of ideas for things to do over the Christmas Holidays. Due to the uncertain climate, we are covering all bases, and have lots to choose from...

Christmas Activities

We have a growing collection of Christmas activities for all the family to enjoy, including:

- [Christmas trails in the local area](#)
- [A Christmas scavenger hunt](#)
- [Christmas recipes for kids](#)
- [Christmas craft ideas](#)
- [Pantomimes](#)
- and so much more!

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[Get Outdoors](#)

On Coventry Rocks, there are over 50 local parks, nature reserves, woodlands, and walks. Perfect for putting on the wellies and getting some fresh air and exercise.

[Shop Local](#)

This Christmas we are supporting local small businesses by showcasing some lovely gift ideas, all made here in Coventry! There are some gorgeous ideas, from gifts for kids, to stocking fillers, and of course the grown ups! [You can read the article here.](#)

[Places to see Father Christmas in 2020](#)

Of course this Christmas is going to be a little bit different, as we won't be able to get 'up close and personal' with Father Christmas. BUT there are some lovely events happening in and around Coventry where the big man will be making an appearance! [Have a look at our article here.](#)

Foodbank

"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

Our local foodbanks are:

St Oswalds Foodbank

St Oswalds Church

Jardine Crescent

CV4 9PL

Opening Times – Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00

Thursday 10.00 – 12.00

Canley Family Centre

45 Glebe Close

Canley

CV4 8DJ

Opening Times – Saturday 11.00 – 13.00

If you are worried about accessing the foodbank, please contact the school and speak to Mrs Lucas.

Anyone can reach crisis point and we are here to help.

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Looking for before or after school care?
Or holiday care?



Little Flowertots offers both!

Here at Little Flowertots we are open from 7.45am – 6pm.

We are located in the shops at Nickson Road, a short walk from the school and can take or pick your child up. We offer breakfast in the morning and a snack for tea in the evening, if staying after 4pm. All of our highly motivated staff are qualified and DBS checked. Our most recent Ofsted rating was 'Good'.

Our holiday club offers fun, age appropriate, activities that cater to the children's interests. When planning activities for the holidays we ask the children for their input to make sure it's both stimulating and fun.

For more information phone...

02476 460644

As a special offer we will match the price that you currently pay for your child's before and after school sessions.

Holiday club prices vary.

Little Flowertots Daycare, 28-30 Nickson Road, Coventry, CV4 9RU. 02476 460644.

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